

**Regional Service Council Minutes
Region 2**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2006
5:30 p.m. CST/6:30 p.m. EST

Meeting Location: Pulaski County Court House
112 E. Main Street
Winamac, IN 46996

Council Members Present: Charlotte Richey, Terrance Ciboch, Larry Harris, Sharon Mathew, Linda Gray, Eileen Walters, Judge Michael Shurn, Judge Mary Harper, Judge Jeryl Leach and Claudia Clark.

Council Members Absent: Linda Rugg

Others in Attendance: Ron Fisher, Laurel Myers, John Rutkowski

Providers: Sam Gray and Jackie Agee; White's
Jim Burns; Family Focus
Donna Southard; Dockside
Diana Dibkey; Dunebrook
Patricia Tucker; Family Learning Center, MC Schools

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at: 5:32 p.m. CST/6:32 p.m. EST
Introductions were made. Guests were Region 2 Child Welfare Services Coordinator, James Shively and Penny Pitcock from Dodson, Shively and Assoc.

1. Minutes of the January 4, 2006 meeting were distributed. No corrections were noted. Motion was made by Larry Harris and seconded by Terrance Ciboch to approve the minutes. Voice vote taken. All in favor; none opposed. Minutes adopted as written.
Handout of the template for future minutes was given.
2. The Master listing of Recommended Services was distributed and explanation followed as to the county identifier, provider, component, and if county approval was noted, then it served as a general authorization to negotiate with the provider. For a service to be marked yes; at least one county in the region is interested in that provider. This will open it to the entire region even if another county did not select it. A listing of the Non-Standard proposals was distributed.
Discussion followed on how to conduct the vote, approving the master listing but not using the provider, obligating funding, staff training and other funding. Terrance Ciboch made a motion to call for a vote twice; the first one being for the entire block of services and the second one for services specific to Porter County Government. Eileen Walters seconded. All in favor; none opposed.
3. Discussion began regarding the Community for Child Safety funding. Topics covered included upfront money, training, serving rural communities, monthly rates, who is responsible, what services are covered, negotiations, sustainability, funding, potential growth, conflict with other programs, negotiations, record keeping, concern over one regional cite, concern over one provider, can new ones come on board, funding capitation, lack of oversight, service standards,

subcontracting, and not approving the selection. Group consensus was for one provider to be selected to provide all the Community Based Child Safety services for the region. Terrance Ciboch withdrew the original motion to conduct two votes. Terrance Ciboch made a motion for the Regional Service Council to conduct 3 votes.

Vote # 1 – all proposed providers/services except the ones pertaining to Porter County Government funding and Community Partners for Child Safety

Vote #2 – providers/services for Porter County Government funding

Vote # 3 – Community Partners for Child Safety

Sharon Mathew seconded. A voice vote was taken and all approved. No opposition, motion carried.

4. Charlotte Richey called for a voice vote to approve the recommended services for Family Case Conferencing and Home based Casework. (Services that included proposals from Porter County Government.)

All were in favor; none opposed; Judge Mary Harper abstained from the vote

Charlotte Richey called for a voice vote for the Community Partners for Child Safety using a sole contractor; Family Focus, for Region 2. All in favor; none opposed; no abstentions.

Charlotte Richey called for a voice vote on all of the remaining recommended service components. All in favor; none opposed; no abstentions.

5. Other items: Jim Shively will attend another meeting to answer any ongoing questions. There will be a regional provider fair in the spring for all selected providers for FCM's and RSC to meet with the providers.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: March 1, 2006 at LaPorte County DCS at 5:30 p.m. CST/6:30 p.m. EST

Meeting adjourned at: 6:53 p.m. CST/7:53 p.m. EST

